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Applicant: RUDOLF WAGNER ET AL.
Serial No.: 09/766,835 Group Art Unit:
Filed: JANUARY 23, 2001 Examiner:
Title: PROCESS FOR HANDLING WORKPIECES AND APPARATUS
THEREFOR

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

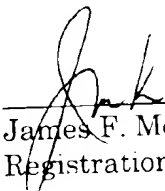
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26(a), request is hereby made for a refund of the Late Declaration surcharge (\$130.00) charged to the Deposit Account of undersigned, No. 05-1323, in connection with the above-identified patent application on or about April 20, 2001.

It is noted that in the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts filed on April 20, 2001, applicants pointed out that as the present application is a Rule 53(b) continuation of Serial No. 09/441,373, filed on November 17, 1999, a copy of the executed Declaration was properly submitted with the application papers, as noted on the copy of the postcard date stamped by the U.S. Patent Office on January 23, 2001 submitted with Applicants' April 20, 2001 response. Accordingly, Applicants had requested that the Notice of Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application be withdrawn, as it was obviously wrongly issued.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any such fee or any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #622/43633C3).

Respectfully submitted,

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